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## 2017 Annual Fire Department Awards

Congratulations to the following department members who received awards at the annual recognition dinner:

*Firefighter of the Year:* Lt. Matt Lehman

*Distinguished Service:* Lt. Brandon Hufford

*Community Service (2x):*

- E180 A-Shift: Lt. Derrik Bingham, D/O Yance Woody, FF Andrew Carey
- E170 Crew: Lt. Rodney Benson, FF Nick Evans, FF Mitch Jones, FF Scott Smith

*Unit Performance (2x):*

- L215 A-Shift: Lt. Jeremy Nelson, FF Jim Kirkman, FF Joe Thomas, FF Josh Schut
- C219, E180, E190 B-Shift: DC Greg Jones, Lt. Vince DeBoer, FF Zach Versteegh, FF Jerod Schenimann, FF Bill McKibben, D/O PJ Harrison, FF Joe Thomas, FF Josh Schut

Thanks to the Recognition Dinner Committee for their time in planning the event and to the recruits for clean-up duty.

## UPCOMING DATES

January 1 – New Year’s Day – Admin  
Offices Closed

January 2 – Union Meeting 19:00

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Association Officer Election Results

The Association’s annual executive board elections were held in December. Congratulations to:

*President:* Scott Smith (elected)

*Vice President:* Sam Kranovich (elected)

*2nd Vice President:* Jerry Eslick (elected)

*Secretary:* Michael Dunkin (reelected)

*Treasurer:* Matt Herring (reelected)

*Board of Directors:* Josh Sienkiewicz (elected), Andy Lumadue, Nick Evans, Geoff Elliott, Steve Seivert

*Internal Affairs:* Travis Hansen, Devon Killam, Kevin Drees (elected)

2017

## December Incidents

Rescue & EMS – 155 (up 35) – 43%

False Alarm – 100 (up 14) – 28%

Good Intent – 48 (up 1) – 13%

Fire – 13 (up 1) – 4%

Hazardous Condition (no fire) – 25 (up 3) – 7%

Service – 18 (up 1) – 5%

Special Incident Type – 0 (same) – 0%

Overpressure, Explosion, Etc. (no fire) – 0  
(down 4) – 0%

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster – 0  
(same) – 0%

## Waukee Mutual Aid – Laurel St.



## On Scene – DSM Mutual Aid – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue



## Corporate Dr. Vehicle Fire – E220 C-Shift



## Welcome!

We are happy to announce that Jo Eckert will fill the position of Fire Administrative Secretary. Jo comes to us from Community



& Economic Development, so she already has good knowledge of how the City works.

## Ice Rescue Training

B-Shift spent a chili day on City Hall's pond reviewing the ice rescue equipment and performing hands on evolutions with the rope bags and sled.



## Congratulations!

Recruit Thomas Turner and his wife are the proud parents of a healthy baby girl!



## 1985 Was a Good Year

- The Nintendo Entertainment System hits the U.S.
- Michael Jordan was named NBA's Rookie of the Year
- The Titanic was found
- Compact discs were introduced
- Back to the Future, The Breakfast Club and Rocky IV were popular films
- Michelle McKelvogue started as the FD Administrative Secretary

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> will be Michelle's last day with the fire department. She has been the backbone of this department for 33 years.

We would like to express to Michelle our heartfelt and sincere thanks for her dedication to the West Des Moines Fire Department. We wish you the best in your retirement!



## Until Next Time

After nearly 11 years on the department, Lt. Brenneman is moving on to new adventures. Thank you for your dedication, and we wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!



## New Quarterly Association Meetings

The monthly Association meeting will be changing to a quarterly meeting. The next meeting will be February 7, 2018. The Committee groups will try to meet on a regular basis. With only four meetings a year, please make it a priority to attend. Join the West Des Moines Firefighters Association Facebook page to stay in the loop.



2018 Association Officers

## Santa in the Station

Thanks to Santa (Chief Eslick), Sam Kranovich, Yoshi, Matt Herring, L215 and E180 C-Shifts for assisting with Santa in the Station. Christmas joy was given to over 80 kids in WDM.



### Educational Achievements

#### Pediatric Advanced Life Support

Brad Kain



## PD Mustache Contest

The WDMFD won for the most creative mustache in the "No Shave November Mustache Contest" in remembrance of WDMPD Sergeant Shawn Miller. Great work!



## Roasting Cliff McFarland

Congratulations to former Training Officer Cliff McFarland for being named *Instructor of the Year* by the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors. He has been a part of Iowa and the International Societies since 1963.

